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Dominion Grange of Canada



PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY

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Officers of Dominion Grange, 1905.

Worthy Master	BRO. H. GROSE.....	Lefroy
" Overseer.....	BRO. McMURCHY.....	Loree
" Secretary.....	BRO. W. F. W. FISHER.....	Burlington
" Treasurer.....	BRO. JAS. FALLIS.....	Newbridge
" Chaplain.....	BRO. SAMUEL GOODFELLOW.....	Duncan
" Lecturer.....	BRO. JAS. A. GLEN.....	Duncan
" Steward.....	BRO. ALBERT CARRUTHERS.....	Whitby
" Asst. Steward..	BRO. J. G. LETHBRIDGE.....	Glencoe
" Gatekeeper.....	BRO. W. A. COULTER.....	Painswick

LADY OFFICERS.

Ceres.....	SISTER MISS COWAN.....	Whitby
Pomona.....	SISTER MISS L. BOWMAN.....	Whitby
Flora.....	SISTER MRS. E. BROWN.....	Whitby
L. A. Steward.....	SISTER MRS. WARNICA.....	Painswick

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W F. W. FISHER.....	Burlington
JABEL ROBINSON.....	Middlemarch

AUDITORS.

F. M. WARNICA.....	Painswick
W. RALSTON.....	Lefroy

DOMINION GRANGE

OF CANADA.

ORGANIZED JUNE 2nd, 1874.

"ESTO PERPETUA."

THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

ALBION HOTEL, TORONTO, FEBRUARY 16th, 1905.

The Grange was called to order by Bro. Henry Grose, W. M., at 10.00 a. m.

The roll of officers was called, and the following members responded.

Worthy Master.....	Bro. Henry Grose.
" Overseer	" Thos. McMurphy.
" Secretary	" Wm. F. W. Fisher.
" Treasurer	" Jas. Fallis.
" Chaplain	" Samuel Goodfellow.
" Steward	" Walter Ralston.
" Asst. Steward	" W. A. Coulter.
" Gatekeeper	" Robert Stewart.

Grange was then duly opened in the fourth degree.

The Worthy Master then appointed as a committee on credentials: Bros. Jas. Fallis and J. G. Lethbridge.

Bro. Jas. Fallis was deputed to get Railway certificates signed and make an appointment with Mr. H. B. Cowan to address the Grange while in session.

Bro. Jabel Robinson moved, seconded by Bro. Syme that the minutes as printed and laid upon the table be adopted.—Carried.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Worthy Master and Patrons. We, your committee have carefully examined the credentials and find the following entitled to sit in this Grange:—

SUBORDINATE GRANGES.

No.	Grange.	Name.	P. O.
146.....	Painswick	Silas Smith	Painswick
45.....	Lake Simcoe	Robt. Stewart.....	Lefroy
77.....	Forest Rose.....	James A. Glen.....	Glanworth
108.....	Union.....	Albert Carruthers.....	Whitby
77.....	Forest Rose.....	Chas. Saywell.....	St. Thomas
200.....	Burlington	Edwin Peart	Nelson
166.....	Apple Grove	John Lyle	St. Thomas
166.....	Apple Grove	Jabel Robinson.....	Middlemarch
45.....	Lake Simcoe	T. C. McCullough.....	Lefroy
141.....	Knock	John Cowan	Vine
141.....	Knock	David J. Boyes.....	Innisfil
146.....	Painswick	F. M. Warnica.....	Painswick
45.....	Lake Simcoe	Henry Grose	Lefroy
200.....	Burlington	Wm. F. W. Fisher	Burlington
322.....	Innisfil	Eben Todd	Lefroy

DIVISION GRANGES.

21.....	Belmore	James Fallis.....	Newbridge
38.....	Union	{ J. Ramsey.....	Eden Mills
		{ R. Dredge.....	Rockwood
17.....	West Middlesex	J. G. Lethbridge	Strathburn
23.....	Beaver Valley.....	Thomas McMurchy	Loree
4.....	South Simcoe.....	Anson Black	Painswick
23.....	Beaver Valley.....	Samuel Goodfellow	Duncan
4.....	South Simcoe.....	Wm. Coulter	Painswick
4.....	South Simcoe.....	Walter Ralston.....	Lefroy

Moved by Bro. Samuel Goodfellow and seconded by Bro. J. Glen that all officers of Dominion Grange have voting privileges at this meeting.—Carried.

Report on Standing Committees.

Worthy Master and Brothers:

We your committee beg leave to report as follows:—

Education.

Bros. Jas. A. Glen, Thos. MacMurchy, Samuel Goodfellow and W. J. Coulter.

Constitution and By-laws.

Bros. T. C. McCullough, W. J. Coulter and D. J. Boyes.

Press

Bros. J. G. Lethbridge and W. Ralston.

Good of the Order and Dormant Granges.

Bros. Albert Carruthers, J. M. Syme, Robert Stewart, Silas Smith,
and Walter Ralston.

Legislation and Transportation.

Bros. Henry Grose, Jabel Robinson, W. L. Smith, W. F. W.
Fisher and Edwin Peart.

Agriculture and Horticulture.

Bros. John Cowan, Anson Blake and Jas. A. Glen.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JABEL ROBINSON	} Committee.
JAS. A. GLEN	
E. PEART	

Moved by Jabel Robinson and seconded by E. Peart that the report of committee to strike standing committees be adopted.—Carried.

The Master's Address.

The address of Worthy Master Grose was as follows: "We have met to hold the thirtieth annual session of the Dominion Grange. You saw fit last year to elect me to the honorable position of Master. For years I have wondered why the Grange did not continue to prosper as when it was first organized, and I have come to the conclusion that three or four things in connection with our past have been the primary causes, and you will pardon me if I try to point out some of these.

"The first that I would mention would be the wrong conception, in so many places, of what the Grange really is and what it was originated for. You would think it was only to be the means of purchasing a few things a little cheaper than you could get them at the retail stores, and that was all the benefit there was, and failing that the Grange was no good."

"The second was, in my opinion, the establishing of a wholesale house in the City of Toronto; undertaking that which we were in no way fitted for, thereby bringing the Grange into disrepute, not only with those outside, but with a great many subordinate Granges all over the Province. When that establishment went under many Grangers quit. Now I think this state of affairs should not have been, for the Grange is something more than a purchasing medium; in fact, that was one of the greatest causes for our decline. When members came into the Grange for this pur-

pose only, they became dissatisfied and left, saying there was nothing in it."

"I know it is an easy matter to find fault with the past, and this will not help the present nor the future of our noble order, which, after all, has been of no small value and help to the farmers of the Province. The young men, the sons of old Grangers, are asking for information wherever I have been. Some will ask why more was not done during the past years in building up dormant Granges and putting new life into others. The reason to me is quite clear. The past year has been one of great political excitement. We have had both Federal and Provincial elections, and unrest was felt everywhere, and in no place more than among the farmers of this Province. Now that the political situation has cleared it would be well for the Grange to look into the future, for I believe the time has come for us to throw off every restraint, and, like our brothers across the border, look for great things for our Order. While I have nothing to say about any other society or association, I have no hesitation in saying that no association has been formed which has been of so much help, nor have any of the societies or associations stood the test like the old and noble Grange, of which we all ought to be proud to-day. Our watch word ought to be onward."

"The year upon which we have just entered ought to be utilized to put new life into our Order, by letting the farmers know what our principles really are; and that we are not dead, as some suppose, but very much alive. I would suggest that some one or more of our members be prepared to visit different parts in the Province, and that the secretary make arrangements with Grangers, for such meetings. By so doing we will show that we are still endeavoring to keep the interest of the farmer to the front."

"Prosperity has attended the Grange in the United States during the past few years. New Jersey has 2,000 Grangers, Maryland 1,000, and Michigan rejoices in the addition of 81 new Granges during the past year. All the other States are gaining fast. Maine has a membership of over 47,000. Have we not reason to take courage and enter the ranks for first place?"

"No doubt at our meeting at this time many things will come up that will be of interest to us as Grangers, but do not try to be the Government, but the Dominion Grange, and look after the interest of the farmers of this Province, and if we can co-operate with the Farmers' Association or any other body, let us do so by all means, but never lower our flag as Grangers."

"In conclusion, let me again thank you for the honor of being

your Master last year, and to wish the Grange every prosperity during the year just entered upon."

Moved by Wm. F. W. Fisher and seconded by J. G. Lethbridge that the Worthy Master's address be received and printed in the minutes.—Carried.

Reports from Subordinate Granges.

Bro. Jas. A. Glen reported Forest Rose Grange to be in a flourishing condition. They have nearly all the good material available in their Grange. They do not want poor shiftless members. They have been purchasing large quantities of cedar posts and shingles on the co-operative plan. A large number of young people are in their Grange.

Bro. MacMurchy, of Beaver Valley Division No. 23, reported that the feeling towards the Grange was good. They do a large business in salt, over 1000 barrels per year. The Grange was organized to better the condition of the farmer. Where no principle is violated it is quite legitimate to do business with a view of breaking up monopolies. The Grange salt well has been one of the best results in a business way of the Grange. The Grange wholesale Supply Co. proved a failure, yet in its early days it did good education work.

Bro. Jabel Robinson reported from Apple Grove Grange. Said his Parliamentary duties took up his time until August and since then had visited the Northwest, so had not attended many Grange meetings. Their Grange is the leading Subordinate Grange reporting to Dominion Grange. Takes a great deal of interest in Forest Rose Grange. Has great faith in the social, intellectual and particularly in the legislative opportunities of the Grange. His Grange wishes him to introduce the metric system of weights and measures with a view to legalizing it in Canada. He showed some of its advantages. He recommended all the members to get copies of Prof. McCleman's lecture on the metric system before the Agricultural Committee of the House of Commons. Their Grange also recommended that the Election Law be changed to make the Ontario ballot entirely secret; also to compel every elector to register on the voter's list at stated times.

The Worthy Master asked the Legislative Committee to report on these subjects.

A resolution from West Middlesex Division Grange was handed in. It related to public protection at railway crossings and in villages.

The Worthy Master also referred this to the Legislative Committee.

West Middlesex Division Grange No. 17 passed a resolution at its meeting on the 3rd inst.

That the Dominion Grange bring before the Dominion Parliament at its present session the necessity of having all railway crossings in villages protected with watchmen, and were very dangerous with gates; and that no train be allowed to pass through a village at a greater speed than 20 miles per hour; and that no railroad company be allowed to do all their switching and moving of cars over the main thoroughfare of any village, thereby impeding traffic and endangering life.

RECOMMENDATION FROM APPLE GROVE GRANGE.

That this Dominion Grange petition the Dominion Government to take steps to introduce the metric system of weights and measures.

That this Grange petition the Ontario Government to amend the Election Law, so that the ballot shall be perfectly secret. So that it will be impossible for any person to ascertain how any person voted.

And that every person entitled to vote and whose name is not on the roll shall be compelled to register his name before a certain day in every year, failing to do this he shall not be entitled to vote.

UNION 108.—Our Grange has taken note of the movement which has for its object the placing of an import duty on certain numbers of wire, now free, used by farmers for fencing. We are strongly of the opinion that this duty should not be put on. Wire is now practically the one material used in farm fencing, and we do not wish to see that material made more expensive, so it would be by the imposition of a duty.

We have observed too, that the President of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., and others, are urging that an export tax be placed on Canadian wheat sent abroad. If this movement succeeds the effect must be to confine our wheat grower, in selling to a market controlled by a miller's monopoly. Under these conditions it is obvious that the imposition of the proposed export tax would reduce the farmers profits on one of the staple products of the farm. For that reason we are strongly opposed to the proposal.

Still another interest is endeavoring to secure an unfair advantage at the expense of the farm. This is the lumbermens'

combine. This combination is endeavoring to secure the imposition of a duty on American lumber brought into Canada.

If this American lumber is shut out farmers in old Ontario and the Northwest will be forced to pay whatever price the local combine may choose to demand. This being so we feel that a vigorous protest should be entered against the proposal to place an import duty on lumber.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grange opened at 1.45.

Bro. Jas. Fallis read the following communication from Belmore Division Grange.

At a meeting of Belmore Division Grange the question of rural assessment came up for discussion. I have been deputed to draw the attention of this Dominion Grange to the matter, with the view of further discussion, and if deemed wise to place the result of our deliberations before the Government.

Under the present system the assessment is taken in February or March, a time of the year when the ground is covered with snow.

The same assessor is often appointed from year to year, and the result is that the assessment is largely a copy of the previous year, or the simple statements of the party to be assessed is taken and when comparisons come to be made many cases of injustice could be pointed out, some paying more than their share and others not enough.

It is true the court of revision offers to the aggrieved an opportunity of obtaining justice, but from observation not more than five per cent. of the aggrieved ones take the opportunity of that court.

And the few who do appeal seldom get the justice they are entitled to. Councils no doubt do as well as they can under the circumstances, but they have not the means of getting at the facts.

The unanimous opinion of this Division Grange is that the assessment should be taken in the summer, when the assessor could see the property for himself and thus form a free and independent and intelligent judgment. True it is that changes take place every year in ownership, making out of voter's lists and statute labor work. We think that if this part of the work can be arranged then one every three or five years would fully meet all the requirements of taxation.

A more thorough system of assessment could then be adopted

with, we believe, less expense than under the present system.

Hoping this Dominion Grange assembled will give the subject the consideration its importance demands, and that the results of our deliberations will in due time be placed before the Government for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES FALLIS.

Referred by Worthy Master to committee on Legislation.

Bros. Jabel Robinson, Fallis, McMurchy and J. G. Lethbridge discussed the assessment law from various standpoints.

Bro. Cowan, of Knock Grange, says they are going on in a steady way, have a good useful Grange, but are not increasing their membership. A farmers organization is very much needed to enable the farmer to compete with organizations in all other professions and trades.

E. Peart reported for Burlington Grange, No. 200. Said the meetings were most interesting and the best of feeling prevailed among the members.

J. G. Lethbridge reported for West Middlesex Division. Said they were not making any progress. One of their Granges had dropped out since last year. All the old Grangers agree that this is the best of all farmer's organizations. Farmers of all political creeds should unite to promote legislation in their own interests. Suggests an organization without secret work.

Bro. Black, of South Simcoe Division, was unfavorable to amalgamation with any other society. They meant to hold their charter. Thought the constitution and ritual very satisfactory.

Bro. Goodfellow, of Beaver Valley Division Grange, said they were running at low ebb. They buy large quantities of salt, saving to their members about \$500 annually.

Bro. W. Coulter, of S. Simcoe Division Grange said they were in sight of regular quarterly meetings and things were on a most satisfactory basis.

Bro. W. Goodfellow, of Innisfil Grange, said that stormy weather had interfered greatly with their meetings. They expect to add a number of new members at their next meeting. Thought Granges should put themselves on record on many subjects, thereby securing their introduction into legislation at some future time. They encouraged the literary features of their meetings. The

Grange has proven an important education factor.

Bro. Silas Smith, of Painswick Grange, said they were just holding their old membership.

The Worthy Master spoke in favor of the assessment of Railways on the lines of the Pettypiece Bill.

Bro. W. L. Smith, of the "Sun." Three points of view expressed here :

A literary and social organization.

On a commercial basis.

A Farmers Club—with legislative bearings. Thought all these features should and might be combined. Every individual member should be active in organizing or re-organizing Granges. Farm property is assessed at full value, while Railways have very low assessment.

Moved by Wm. F. W. Fisher and seconded by W. Coulter that Bro. Fallis be instructed to have Mr. MacFarlane remain over night at the Palmer House to sign railway certificates to cost \$1.50. —Carried.

A general discussion on Good of the Order took place. Topics suggested as profitable for occupying the time of Subordinate Granges were read by the Secretary.

Bro. Jabel Robinson stated the workings of several Granges in various states. Says that in many of the States they were flatter than we are. Now they are very vigorous. They succeed simply because they determine to do so. They go into it in earnest.

Bro. H. W. Cowan addressed the Grange particularly on the work of the Order in the United States and his individual interest in the Grange. He offered to assist in putting the claims of the Grange before the public through the press.

Moved by J. Fallis, seconded by Bro. J. A. Glen, that the thanks of this Dominion Grange be tendered to Bro. H. B. Cowan for the able address and also the good advice he has given us. —Carried.

Bros. W. L. Smith and Cowan both expressed willingness to attend meetings of Subordinate Granges and deliver addresses.

Moved by Bro. Samuel Goodfellow and seconded by Bro. J. G. Lethbridge that Bro. Thos. McMurchy act as auditor in the place of Bro. Jas. Bowman, the latter being absent.—Carried.

A motion to adjourn until 9 a. m. was carried.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Worthy Master Bro. Henry Grose, called the Grange to order at 9.30 a. m.

Secretary's Report.

Worthy Master and Patrons:

Another year has passed without showing any material change in the condition of the work or in our membership.

All the Granges reporting to Dominion Grange in 1903 have again reported except Fair Valley 841, while Carlisle and Acton West Granges have sought re-instatement.

The total receipts are slightly in advance of those of last year, showing a small increase of membership.

Laxity on the part of Secretaries of Subordinate Granges in reporting is still a noticeable feature. No Secretary within our jurisdiction having sent in quarterly reports regularly during the year.

Again let me urge renewed activity on the part of the entire membership that the Grange may resume its former usefulness and influence.

The following Granges have reported during 1904.

77 Forest Rose	21 Belmore Division	{ Howick Maitland
166 Apple Grove	37 W. Simcoe Div.	{ Glen Huron Banda
624 Dufferin		{ Honeywood
108 Union	23 Beaver Valley Div	{ Enterprise Heathcote
153 Edgar		{ Eldorado Mill Creek
148 Carlisle		{ Prospect South Elderslie
200 Burlington	32 N. Bruce Div.	{ Centre Bruce Williscroft
360 Glanford		{ Eden Grove Battle Hill
126 Minesing	17 W. Middlesex Div	{ Alliance Centre
	38 Union Div.	{ Farmer's Home Ballinafad
		{ Erin

4. S. Simcoe Div.

{	Knock
	Lake Simcoe
	Innisfil
	Painswick

RECEIPTS.

Innisfil Grange supplies		\$ 70
Union 108, dues \$2 82; supplies, \$1.30		4 12
Treasurer Dominion Grange		21 80
Glanford Grange, 360		84
Copy constitution		10
Union Grange, 108		4 20
Apple Grove Grange 166		7 38
Ritual		20
Carlisle	148	8 64
Union	108	2 10
Belmore Div.	21	3 24
Apple Grove	166	6 97
Painswick		75
Edgar	153	1 44
W. Middle'x Div.	17	6 08
Beaver Valley	23	6 24
Union Div.	38	9 48
Dufferin	624	3 65
Burlington	200	1 92
W. Simcoe Div.	37	3 36
N. Bruce	32	9 84
Belmore	21	3 12
Forest Rose	77	13 60
Minesing	126	2 88
S. Simcoe Div.	4	16 34
Knock Grange supplies		1 00
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		\$139 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Expenses to Toronto re freight rates	\$ 1 75
" Telegram to Jabel Robinson, 25c; delivery \$1	1 25
" 600 copies Minutes, \$19.80; letter heads, \$2.00	21 80
" Postage, \$2.00; express, 45c	2 45
" W. L. Smith, re counsel at Railway Commission	10 00
" Circulars calling annual meeting	1 75
" Postage on above	1 50
" Envelopes, 65c; postage, \$1.06; wrappers, 20c.	1 91
" Two telephones, 50c; ink and pads, 30c	80
" Expenses to Railway Commission	2 00
" Paid Treasurer Dominion Grange	94 78
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	\$139 99

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. W. FISHER, Secretary.

Auditors Report.

Worthy Master and Patrons:

We, your auditors, have examined the books and accounts of the Secretary with vouchers and find the same to be correct.

W. J. GOODFELLOW }
THOS. McMURCHY } Auditors.

Moved by S. Goodfellow and seconded by S. Smith that these reports be received and adopted.—Carried.

Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

Worthy Master, Officers and Brethren:—

We, your committee on good of the Order and Dormant Granges beg leave to report as follows:

By way of entertainment we would recommend a debating club and that all members take part in it.

That we circulate our principles more freely in the press. Having well advertised our meetings and designs hold a mass meeting, obtaining some good speaker to speak to the people. Follow this meeting immediately by an active organizer to organize fully.

That Division Grange meet quarterly, have regular meeting in afternoon and open meeting in evening.

We would further recommend that a stricter observance be made of constitution and ritual.

We would strongly recommend a program committee and that programs be prepared in advance of meeting.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALBERT CARRUTHERS }
JNO. M. SYME }
ROBERT STEWART } Committee.
SILAS H. SMITH }
EBEN TODD }

Discussed by W. L. Smith and W. J. Goodfellow.

Moved by Bro. Carruthers, seconded by Bro. Silas H. Smith that the meeting receive and adopt the report of the committee on Good of the Order and Dormant Granges.—Carried.

Committee on Agriculture and Horticulture.

We, your committee on Agriculture and Horticulture beg leave to report as follows:—

In our review of farm operations for the past year, we are led to the conclusion that it has been a moderately good year for the farmers, as a whole. The farm products being in general fair with a substantial increase in prices for almost all lines. We find the farmers laboring under a great inconvenience, owing to the scarcity of competent farm laborers. We find a largely undesirable class of emigrants coming into the province, and while we are anxious for a large number of skilled laborers, yet we think that some steps should be taken to check this inflow of the undesirable class.

HORTICULTURE.

In the line of Horticulture we find that the different localities have varied. The apple crop being fairly large, being of a poor quality, with a low price prevailing, it was therefore a most unremunerative commodity and was mostly left to the hogs. We would recommend the destruction of all natural and useless fruit trees as well as the wild cherry trees, they being a harbor for insects.

In the report from the different sections we find the past to have been a very severe season on bees, about sixty per cent. having died from cold, which naturally reduced the aparists returns. We would recommend the more general cultivation of the honey bees. Firstly for the remunerations, and secondly from the many many ways in which they enhance the returns from fruit, clover and other crops.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. COWAN	} Committee.
JAS. A. GLEN	
ANSON BLACK	

A general discussion followed on the question of destroying black knot and useless trees, including the wild cherry. Bro. W. L. Smith introduced the subject of co-operative apple shipping. The size of apple boxes was taken up, the measurements 9x12x18 inches and 10x11x20 inches being used in different localities.

Moved by Bro. J. Cowan, seconded by Bro. Anson Black that the above report of committee on Agriculture and Horticulture be adopted.

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

We, the undersigned committee beg leave to report to the best of our opinion it would be unwise to make any change in the Constitution or By-laws of the Grange.

Signed.

T. C. McCULLOUGH	} Committee.
D. J. BOYES	
W. A. COULTER	

Moved by Bro. McCullough and seconded by W. J. Coulter that the report on Constitution and By-laws be adopted.—Carried.

The committee on Education made a verbal report.

Moved by Bro. Wm. F. W. Fisher and seconded by W. J. Goodfellow that the verbal report of the committee on Education be referred back for a more extended and written report.—Carried.

Bro. Grose stated that during the coming year he would visit any Granges in Ontario on invitation and deliver addresses with a view to organizing and reorganizing Granges.

Bro. W. L. Smith stated some of the advantages accruing to farmers as a result of their being represented by their various associations before the Railway Commission in June, 1904.

Report of Committee on Legislation and Transportation.

Our Committee on Legislation beg leave to report as follows:—

That we consider the unequal proportion in which the burden of taxation is at present adjusted, as between farmers and railways, telephone and telegraph and like corporations, to be one of the greatest grievances of which farmers have to complain at the present time. We do not consider it necessary to cite again the facts in the case; these are sufficiently well known to render that unnecessary. What we recommend is that the new Government, recently installed in this Province, be requested to present, as a Government measure in the coming session, a bill which will include the essential features of what is known as the Pettepiece Bill.

Your committee view with alarm the several proposals, recently reported in the press, looking towards an increase in the burdens already imposed upon the farmer in the form of Dominion taxation. Among the proposals referred to are:— 1. To place an import duty on No. 9, 12 and 13 wire, now free: To put a tax on binder twine: To levy an import duty on lumber, and to put an export tax on wheat shipped abroad. Almost everything the farmer is forced to buy now, in order to carry on his business, is subjected to a very

high protective tax, a tax that must be paid either at the Custom House or into the Treasury of the home manufacturer. We protest against adding to the list of taxed articles, the few exempted articles above enumerated. We protest still more strongly against any proposal looking to a restriction, by our Parliament, of the market we sell in, and a very serious restriction would be imposed by putting an export tax on wheat.

Your committee protests, too, against the policy of granting subsidies to Railway promoters and bounties to iron manufacturers etc. We have given in cash and lands, to private railway promoters, a sum practically equivalent to our entire national debt. If we had back what we have given away we could almost remove obligations which it is costing us \$10 per family per annum to carry. In view of the fact that even Cuba can to-day secure the building of railways without any bonus, we emphatically declare that the time has come when an absolute end should be put to the granting of land to Railway Corporations and that in very rare cases, where aid in some form may seem necessary, that this aid take the form of a loan to be repaid to the people with interest.

What we have said regarding railway subsidies we say even more strongly in regard to bounties to iron manufacturers, etc. An eminent English authority has declared in an article in *World's Work*, that steel can be made much more cheaply in Canada than anywhere else in the world. This statement is based on the fact that in the Maritime Provinces we have the iron and coal side by side at tide water. Still in the face of this we are paying a bounty of \$4.50 on every ton of steel made in Canada from Canadian ore, and from \$3 to \$6 per ton in bounties on products made from steel. In 1903 the total amount paid by the Dominion Government in iron and steel bounties was \$1,401,000, while the Ontario Government paid \$25,000 more in bounties to iron manufacturers in this Province, besides the bounty to beet sugar manufacturers. We emphatically protest against a continuance of this policy and demand that every tub be allowed to stand on its own bottom.

We recommend that the Dominion Parliament be urged to enact a law which will limit the speed of all trains when passing over unprotected crossings in villages, towns and cities; also that the Railway Commissioners be urged to adopt such measures as will prevent the sacrifice of life now caused by shunting at crossings.

We would recommend that the Dominion Government take over and operate trunk telephone lines in order to facilitate the formation of municipal or co-operative telephone services which

could then secure a thorough service by means of these trunk line.

We recommend that the secret ballot be introduced in Ontario and that the voter's list shall be based on the assessment roll with an annual provision for personal registration of voters. The Assessor not to include the names of Manhood Franchise voters in his list.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JABEL ROBINSON	} Committee.
W. L. SMITH	
E. PEART	
W. F. W. FISHER	
HENRY GROSE	

Read clause by clause and finally adopted after very extensive discussion.

Moved by W. J. Goodfellow and seconded by A. Black that the report of the Legislative committee be adopted.—Carried.

Treasurer's Report.

Worthy Master and Patrons:

I have the honor to herewith present my annual report.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance from last year.....	\$ 198 09
“ Received from Secretary	94 78
Total Receipts.....	\$ 292 87

EXPENDITURES.

By Paid Secretary for printing Minutes	\$ 21 80
“ Paid Secretary Salary for 1904.....	40 00
“ Postage.....	25
“ Balance on hand.....	230 82
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	\$ 292 87

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES FALLIS, Treasurer.

Auditor's Report.

Worthy Master and Patrons:

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Secretary showing the receipts and expenditure of his office to be \$139.99 for the year, and find them correct.

We also find the receipts of the Treasurer to have been \$292.87,

and the expenditure \$62.05, showing a balance to the credit of the Dominion Grange of \$230.82.

W. J. GOODFELLOW }
THOS. MACMURCHY } Auditors.

The Grange then adjourned to wait upon the Premier, Hon. J. P. Whitney, at 2 p. m., then to resume its labors.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The members in attendance waited on Premier Whitney in a body this afternoon. They were received by the Premier and Hon. Messrs. Hanna and Monteith. Worthy Master Grose introduced the members personally. The speakers on behalf of the Grange were Bros. H. Grose, Jabel Robinson, W. L. Smith, Jas. A. Glen, Thos. McMurchy, W. F. W. Fisher, and Jas Fallis. They unitedly made strong representation to the Government along the lines recommended by the Legislative Committee, viz—in favor of the taxation of railway property on an equal basis with farm property; objecting to a continuance of subsidies and bounties to railways and manufacturing concerns; in favor of a secret ballot, and amendment to the election law requiring all persons not on the assessment roll to register annually.

The Premier evidently took considerable interest in the speakers and their subjects. After giving a careful hearing, he reviewed the various points, evidently favoring some and promising to consider them all. He stated his gratification at the first deputation to wait upon his Government being composed of farmers.

The members of the Grange were highly pleased with their reception and after veiwing the Assembly Hall and the buildings generally, returned to resume their labors and complete the business of the session.

Grange called to order by Worthy Master at 4 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Education.

To the Master and Members of the Dominion Grange:

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report that we are pleased to learn that Sir William McDonald has devoted so much of his means in establishing a school at Guelph for the advancement of Education. That in regard to the consolidation of schools in rural districts it would be very beneficial in some localities, yet in others it would not be practicable on account of the state of the roads at certain seasons of the year, and any legis-

lation along this line should be made permissive and not compulsory. And we disapprove of the supplying of free text books by the School Boards.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. A. GLEN	} Committee.
THOS. MACMURCHY	
SAMUEL GOODFELLOW	
W. J. COULTER	

Moved by Bro. J. A. Glen, seconded by Bro. MacMurphy that the report of the Committee on Education be adopted.—Carried.

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:—

Worthy Master.....	BRO. H. GROSE.....	Lefroy
“ Overseer.....	BRO. McMURPHY.....	Loree
“ Secretary.....	BRO. W. F. W. FISHER.....	Burlington
“ Treasurer.....	BRO. JAS. FALLIS.....	Newbridge
“ Chaplain.....	BRO. SAMUEL GOODFELLOW.....	Duncan
“ Lecturer.....	BRO. JAS. A. GLEN.....	Duncan
“ Steward.....	BRO. ALBERT CARRUTHIERS.....	Whitby
“ Asst. Steward.....	BRO. J. G. LETHERIDGE.....	Glencoe
“ Gatekeeper.....	BRO. W. A. COULTER.....	Painswick

LADY OFFICERS.

Ceres.....	SISTER MISS COWAN.....	Whitby
Pomona.....	SISTER MISS L. BOWMAN.....	Whitby
Flora.....	SISTER MRS. E. BROWN.....	Whitby
L. A. Steward.....	SISTER MRS. WARNICA.....	Painswick

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W F. W. FISHER.....	Burlington
JABEL ROBINSON.....	Middlemarch

AUDITORS.

F. M. WARNICA.....	Painswick
W. RALSTON.....	Lefroy

The Worthy Master then installed the newly elected officers.

Moved by W. Ralston, seconded by Bro. F. Warnica, and carried, that Bros. Henry Grose, W. F. W. Fisher, T. MacMurphy, W. L. Smith and J. A. Glen be a standing committee to meet any committee appointed by sister organizations, relative to interest of agriculturalists.—Carried.

Moved by Bro. Jas. Fallis, seconded by Bro. McDougall, that our next meeting be held in the City of Toronto.—Carried.

The Grange was then closed in regular order, all the members joining in singing Auld Lang Syne.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 1905.

Worthy Master—Bro. Henry Grose, Lefroy, Ont.
 Worthy Secretary—Bro. Wm. F. W. Fisher, Burlington, Ont.

Executive Committee.

Bro. Jabel Robinson, Middlemarch.
 Bro. W. F. W. Fisher, Burlington.

MASTERS and SECRETARIES of DIVISION GRANGES, with their ADDRESSES.

No.	GRANGE	MASTER	ADDRESS	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	PROVINCE
4—	South Simcoe	.....W. J. Goodfellow	.....Craigvale	.....Walter Ralston	.....Lefroy	..... Ont.
5—	West Lambton	.....Joseph Brown	.....Sombrá	.....James Skeoch	.....Corunna	.....
7—	Lucknow	.....D. G. McKenzie	.....Lucknow	.....Wm. Davis	.....Lucknow	.....
17—	West Middlesex	.....John Mitchell	.....Glencoe	.....J. G. Lethbridge	.....Strathburn	.....
21—	Belmore	.....John Stewart	.....Gorrie	.....A. Drummond	.....Clifford	.....
23—	Beaver Valley	.....Samuel Goodfellow	.....Duncan	.....George Clarke	.....Heathcote	.....
32—	North Bruce	.....Geo. Brown	.....Gresham	.....James McKee	.....Paisley	.....
37—	West Simcoe	.....John McLeod	.....Glen Huron	.....Alex. McLeod	.....Glen Huron	.....
38—	Union	.....A. Swindlehurst	.....Balinafad	.....Robert Dredge	.....Rockwood	.....
57—	Victoria	.....Colin McDiarmid	.....Gladstone	.....John McGregor	.....Mekwin	.....Man

MASTERS and SECRETARIES of SUBORDINATE GRANGES and ADDRESSES.

No.	GRANGE	MASTER	ADDRESS	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	PROVINCE
23—	Protective	.....Wm. Mobray	.....Sarnia, Box 116	.....James Skeoch	.....Corunna	..... Ont.

No.	GRANGE	MASTER	ADDRESS	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	PROVINCE
45—	Lake Simcoe	R. J. Stewart	Lefroy	D. A. Lennox	Churchill	Ont.
59—	Prospect	James McKee	Paisley	Wm Lamb	Paisley	
68—	Howick	John Stewart	Gorrie	W. McKercher	Gorrie	
77—	Forest Rose	B. Blewitt	St. Thomas	J. K. McBan	St. Thomas	
92—	Mount Pleasant	K. McLean	Lucknow	Geo. Gillis	Langeside	
100—	Farmers' Wreath	D. G. McKenzie	Lucknow	Wm. Davis	Lucknow	
108—	Union	J. A. Jeffrey	Whitby	Albert Carruthers	Whitby	
116—	Enterprise	Thos. MacMurehy	Loree	Donald MacMurchy	Loree	
126—	Minesing	Robert Man	Minesing	Harry Priest	Minesing	
132—	Arkona	Hugh T. Wilson	Arkona	A. Backhouse	Arkona	
137—	Metcalfe Victoria	D. Ramey	Longwoods	William Weber	Glenoak	
141—	Knock	Wm. F. Wonch	Craigvale	John Cowan	Vine	
146—	Painswick	R. A. Carr	Painswick	H. E. Quantz	Painswick	
147—	Norfolk	Mathias Schilz	Renton	Wm. Schilz	Renton	
148—	Carlisle	George Church	Carlisle	Charles Harper	Harper's Corners	
153—	Edgar	John Syme	Dalston	John Harrison	Edgar	
156—	Alliance	George Lethbridge	Glencoe	J. G. Lethbridge	Strathburn	
166—	Apple Grove	Wm. Webb	Middlemarch	S. J. Heidt	Fome	
180—	Mill Creek	Samuel Goodfellow	Duncan	George Clark	Heathcote	
188—	Battle Hill	Alford Weekes	Wood Green	Miss Mamie Simpson	Wood Green	
196—	Erin	George Robinson	Erin	John Berry	Brisbane	
200—	Burlington	W. V. Hopkins	Burlington	Herbert J. Dynes	Burlington	
218—	Balinalfad	A. Swindlehurst	Balinalfad	R. Henderson	Balinalfad	
224—	Centre	Robert Webster	Appin	J. W. McFee	Appin	
253—	Victoria	E. B. Tole	Blenheim	Wm. H. Sterling	Rodeau	
265—	Mount Hope	John W. Park	Banks	Alex. Malcolm	Banks	
278—	Eldorado	John Wheeler	Clarksburg	R. Ruthven	Clarksburg	
322—	Innisfil	W. J. Goodfellow	Craigvale	M. R. Goodfellow	Craigville	
344—	Farmers' Home	R. Dredge	Rock wood	John Ramsay	Eden Mills	
256—	Ninth Line	Samuel Stockton	Redgrave	John J. Winters	Redgrave	
357—	Canfield	Wm. Oxley	Canfield	Joel R. Smith	Canfield	
360—	Glanford	John S. Bates	N. Glanford	W. M. Calder	Glanford	
233—	Moncrief			Alex. Stewart	Cranbrook	
373—	Centre Bruce	Robert H. Currie	Gresham	George Brown	Gresham	
385—	Banda	Samuel Elder	Banda	J. T. Porter	Banda	

No.	GRANGE	MASTER	ADDRESS	SECRETARY	ADDRESS	PROVINCE
390—	Kinsale	H. W. McBrien	Kinsale	R. Rogers	Kinsale	Ont.
393—	Hullett	H. M. Snell	Londesboro	William Gray	Londesboro	
397—	Grand River	Wm. Wallace	Galt	Jas. Henderson	Preston	
406—	Heathcote	John Vickers	Heathcote	Thomas Dookes	Heathcote	
413—	Williscroft	David Robb	Williscroft	J. C. Sparrow	Williscroft	
423—	Honeywood	A. Tuplin	Honeywood	Thomas Barber	Honeywood	
435—	South Elderslie	Peter Essen	Gillis' Hill	Sam. Ballachy	Paisley	
471—	Aiton West	Joel Leslie	Aiton	J. L. Warren	Acton	
526—	Eden Grove	Lewis Emory	Pinkerton	Henry Young	Eden Grove	
543—	Spring			E. Cooper	Fordwich	
559—	Mount Herob.			S. Robinson	Vasey	
582—	Farmers' Friend	S. Lowrey	Clinton			
596—	Prospect Hill	Wm. Rowand	Walkerton	Wm. A. Rowland	Walkerton	
599—	Maitland	J. Murdoch	Palmerston	John Carswell	Palmerston	
624—	Dufferin	Samuel Staley	Aylmer	D. C. Laur	Aylmer	
632—	Glen Huron	George Boys	Smithdale	John McLeod	Glen Huron	
658—	Albion	J. L. Mitchell	Glencoe	Robt. McDonald	Newbury	
841—	Fair Valley	Robert McBeth	Millington	George Reid	Uptergrove	
874—	Peteral	O. R. Morrison	Peteral	M. Collins	Carberry	Man.
894—	Ayr	C. McDiarmid	Gladstone	G. S. McGregor	Mekiwin	
899—	Selman	W. T. Henry	Henry Corners	Amos Henry	Sombra	Ont.
920—	Union	Jas. W. McLachlan	Plumas	Parker Smith	Plumas	Man.
941—	Fair Play	Neil W. Leckie	Sarnia	John E. Leckie	Courtwright	Ont.
944—	Cold Springs	Thos. Sissons	Peterboro	D. Kennedy	Peterboro	
900—	Lorne	R. Ferguson	Wellwood	A. Thomson	Wellwood	Man
926—	Palentine	John H. Beck	Gladstone	D. A. Broadfoot	Gladstone	
943—	Eden	Robert Riley	Eden	J. L. Walker	Eden	Ont.

A Few Words to Secretaries.

In making out your quarterly report be careful to fill out all blanks, such as name, postoffice, amount sent and date, signed by the Master and Secretary, and made out on the regular blank form, two of which are always sent with your receipt. Be sure to distribute all printed matter to your Grange. There is no reason to believe that this not done, but that it is laid aside and forgotten.

Secretaries of Division and Subordinate Granges and all other desirous of seeing a revival of the former strength of our order, will please forward to me the names of persons likely to circulate Grange literature.

It is the intention to send one report of the proceedings of the Dominion Grange for each family, and the Secretary should see that they are properly distributed, and if in any case enough should not be sent the Secretary should write for more and say who they are for and they will be sent.

WM. F. W. FISHER,
Secretary, Burlington.



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FOR SALE AT

Office of Dominion Grange.

Application for membership, per 100.....	\$ 50
Blank Demits, per 100.....	1 00
Membership or Trade Cards, per 100.....	50
Bonds for Secretary and Treasurer, each.....	02
Blank Quarterly Reports at the rate per 100.....	1 00
Blank Deeds (in duplicate)—special blank for use of Granges acquiring property	20
Song Books, with music, each.....	10
Song Books, without music, each.....	05
Seventh Edition of Manual, each (ordered under seal)	20
Constitution, each 10c, per dozen.....	1 00
New Edition of Fifth Degree Manuals, supplied Division Granges (under seal) each 10c, per dozen.....	1 00
Receipts, bound (100 in book).....	70
Orders on Treasurer	70
Gold Emblem Pins, each.....	1 10

The above supplies will be furnished at the prices named by mail.

As all business of the Secretary's office is conducted on a cash basis, therefore cash should accompany the order.

Remittances should be made by Postal Money Order, Express Order or Registered Letter, the first preferred. Fractional currency taken in one or two cent stamps. Money sent in any other way is at the risk of party sending.

WM. F. W. FISHER,

**Secretary Dominion Grange,
BURLINGTON P. O., ONTARIO.**